with each union during the last three years upto June, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) ITDC is a multi unit, multi discipline undertaking providing tourist services at various places in the country. Presently, 66 Trade Unions are operating in ITDC. The names of these Unions is placed at Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI Annexure No. 162] Out of these 65 Unions, 4 have been recognised by the ITDC. Two of these recognised Unions are affiliated to AITUC, one to INTUC and one is functioning as an independent Union.

Each Union has a separate identity in the unit where it functions; none of these unions has been given recognition/representative character on all-India basis; some of the unions, however, in the units have similar names but have separate identity. As regards membership, the same keeps on fluctuating from time to time.

ITDC has an open door policy and meetings with the unions are held frequently. While policy matters (like wage revision, terms and conditions of service etc.) are discussed at the Corporate Level, the other matters and day-to-day issues/grievances are discussed/resolved at the unit level which fall within their purview. No separate record, however, is being maintained of issues taken up/resolved with the unions.

Disabled artists sent to Washington by Indian Council for Cultural Relations

2700. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council for Cultural Relations had arranged for sending disabled artists sponsored by Very Special Arts, India in June, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names and particulars of those who were sent abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations sopnsored two handicapped artistes *viz.* Km. Nirupama Kaul, a deaf Kathak dancer, and Shri Sant Ram Sharma, a blind musician, who played the harmonium, for performances at the Very Special Arts International Festival held in Washington from June 13 to 18, 1989. The other members of the group were:—

(i) Shri Nirmal Mondal, Tabla.

(ii) Smt. Reba Vidhyarthi, Guru.

(ii) Smt. Moyna Singh, Coordinator.

Selling of books by M/s Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan Stalls

2701. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed to sell some types of books/magazins, newspapers, Railway Time Tables, etc. to M/s Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan Stalls as being sold by M/s AH Wheelers & Co. and others.

(b) if not, what are the details of the literature/type of literature allowed for sale to them as per the agreement; and

(c) whether it is a fact that they have been given contract on the conditions that they would sell only books of non-profit making institutions or philianthropic institutions and if so, what action has been laid down by Government for violation of those conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) M/s Sarva Seva Sangh Prakashan are permitted to sell their own publications, publications of other non-profit making philanthropic organisations, time-tables, Govt. publications. However, at stations where there is no other bookstall contractor, they are permitted to sell other publications, newspapers, etc. Action against bookstall contractors including M/s Sarva Seva Sangh Prakahan is taken as per provisions of agreement with them.

Scheme for special training of teachers in Delhi

2702. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to formulate a scheme to provide special training to teachers' of Delhi in order to improve the standard of education; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Delhi Administration have initiated various programmes for providing traning to the teachers of Delhi with a view to improving the standard of education. Some of the measures taken in this regard are as under:—

(i) The State Council of Educational Research and Training has been conducting various orientation programmes;

(ii) Two District Institutes of Education and Training have been set up to provide training for primary and upper-primary teachers;

(iii) For Principals, orientation programmes on National Policy on Education have been/are being on ganised; and

(iv) Training for vocational teachers are also being organised.

Railway Hospitals in the country

2703. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Railway Hospitals in the country, zone-wise;

(b) what is the number of patients who were treated by these hospitals during the last three years;

(c) what is the number of medical officers, nurses and compounders working in these hospitals as on March 31, 1989; and

(d) what is the number of hospitals which are proposed to be opened in the current and next financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 63].

Ticketless Passengers nabbed during January 1988 to March 1989

2704. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ticketless passengers apprehended during the period from 1st January, 1988 to March 31, 1989, zone-wise; and

(b) what amount of fine was realised from the passengers during this period; and the number of those convicted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS